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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Francois Kayser, et al.)
For: PNEUMATIC TIRE HAVING)
A RUBBER COMPONENT)
CONTAINING HIGH)
IMPACT POLYSTYRENE)
Serial No.: 10/079,656)
Filed: February 18, 2002)

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Examiner: CAIN, EDWARD J.

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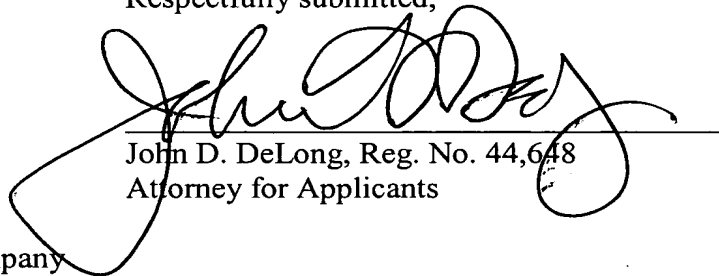
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STATUS INQUIRY

Dear Sir:

The above-referenced patent application was filed on February 18, 2002. A status inquiry was mailed July 13, 2004; a response to this inquiry was mailed August 8, 2004, and indicated that examination would start within three (3) months. No correspondence has been mailed since that date and, therefore, Applicants are respectfully inquiring as to the status on this case.

Respectfully submitted,


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